

TESTIMONY OF Anthony White
IN SUPPORT OF SB 842, AN ACT CONCERNING FOSTER CHILDREN AND THE
DESIGNATION OF SURROGATE PARENTS AND HB 5658, AN ACT
CONCERNING EDUCATIONAL SURROGATES, THE JUVENILE JUSTICE
SYSTEM AND CHILDREN REQUIRING SPECIAL EDUCATION

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Senator Bar to lo meo, Representative Urban, Distinguished Members of the
Committee on Children:

**I submit this testimony in support of SB 842 and HB 5658.
I am Anthony White, I am 16 years old and I go to IPP
school in Stratford. I am in Special Education and live with
foster parents.**

**I have an educational surrogate. She has helped me
by looking for a school for me that was close to my home
town so I didn't have to ride a bus all day. Since I have been
at IPP my reading, writing, and math have
improved. She kept the ball rolling and she made sure
when I got to the school I would feel comfortable. She
advocated for me to get into classes and to get out of classes
that were not a good fit.**

**I think that kids in the juvenile justice system who have
special education needs would benefit from a surrogate,
because being in a good school program could make you feel
like you can achieve in life.**